Small Group Discussion Guide (Week of November 7, 2021)

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Ask God to speak to your group through his word.

I. Read <u>*Luke 7:1-10*</u>. What impresses you about this story? In what sense did the centurion have "great faith"? What can we learn about Jesus' authority and the "spiritual chain of command" from this account? What does that mean for us if we are to receive authority from the Lord today?

II. Next read <u>Luke 7:11-17</u>. This is the first account given of Jesus actually raising someone from the dead. What emotions must the boy's mother and the crowd have experienced that day? How can God reverse the effects of death in someone's body? What does this teach us about God's power? Note <u>John 11:25-26</u> and <u>Romans 8:10-11</u>.

III. Read <u>*Luke 7:18-23.*</u> Why was John doubting Jesus? Review John's personal experiences with Jesus at his baptism. Note <u>John 1:29-34</u>. Does it surprise you that he could doubt his faith after receiving a revelation from God?

Finally, read <u>*Luke 7:24-30*</u>. How could Jesus affirm John even while he was doubting? What encouragement can we draw from this story? How should we handle spiritual doubts when they arise?

Close your group by chosing to cast off doubts and discouragement. Ask God to help you to refocus on who God is and what he can do, in spite of your personal circumstances and inconsistencies.



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